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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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JOHN 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

By Rev. Charles E. Fuller

(Preached on Old Fashioned Revival Hour, Sunday, July 1, 1945. Mechanically Recorded for The Sword of the Lord.)

It seems to me that when I come to John 3:16, it is like looking over the rim of Grand Canyon in Arizona. I just have to exclaim, as did Paul of old, "Oh, 'the breadth, and length, and depth, and height . . . of the love of Christ'!"

Now with your Bibles open to this very familiar passage of Scripture, I want you to just meditate with us today as we bring out at least six points in the verse. You can jot them down if you wish, and study them in a little more detail later.

Remember that these words were spoken to Nicodemus, a teacher in Israel. Nicodemus, a member of the Sanhedrin, the very highly intellectual man that he was, moral and upright and a leader of Israel, came to Jesus by night to inquire about some things in the realm of the spiritual. Knowing that he could not understand things from the natural (the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit; these things are spiritually discerned), Jesus said right off, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Then He proceeded to unfold to him the two agencies of the new birth: the

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water of the Word, the washing of regeneration; and the Holy Spirit, which is compared to the wind that breezes where He desireth. As we preach the Word, the Holy Spirit takes the words of Christ, and as the breath of God, breathes upon souls dead in trespasses and sin. As they see Christ presented as their approach offering and come by way of the cross, they are born again. They become new creations in Christ Jesus.

Last Sunday I spoke to you about the brazen serpent of the fourteenth and fifteenth verses of this third chapter of John. Christ simply spoke to Nicodemus as He would to a little child about spiritual things. He said, 'Now, Nicodemus, you are acquainted with the Old Testament types and historical incidents that happened to the children of Israel on the wilderness journey. You remember about the fiery serpents back there in Numbers 21. Sure you do. Well, now, Nicodemus, I am going to give you the basis of the new birth. I am going to give you the foundation of the new birth. You asked me how these things can be. I am going to tell you in just a few words how they are brought about. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up. Those fiery serpents went through the camp of Israel and poisoned the children of Israel. Everyone that was bitten by the serpents, except for God's intervention died. Moses intervened for the children and God said, "Moses, take a

COMPLETE RESULTS KNOWN ONLY TO GOD

By Viola Walden, Business
Manager The Sword of the Lord

Today, in reading over the letters of those who accepted Christ during September through "Sword" literature, I was impressed with several facts. First, God often blesses a Christian's efforts at soul winning though he may not learn of the results. One man who returned a decision slip clipped from "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" noted: "A stranger handed me one of your booklets." Almost certainly the "stranger" was unaware that through his efforts a lost sinner had come to Christ for salvation.

Another signed statement of the acceptance of Christ was forwarded to us from Dallas, Texas, from an old edition of the same booklet, which must have been sent out from our office more than five years ago. Only recently did it come into the hands of a person whose heart was receptive. God chooses His own time to bless our labors.

Another fact: God works in lives of widely different situations. Our letters this month were from a great variety of converts: A Jamaican, lying on a little canvas cot in camp, did not know how "to get this blessed peace" in his heart, though he was longing for Christ; a fourteen-year-old girl who is "sorry she has lived in sin all her life"; an older man confined to a hospital; a young mother of three children; two brothers in jail; an eleven-year-old boy and his mother; three service men.

Of the thirty-five saved in September, twenty-two sent decision slips from "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" one from All Have Sinned, and one from Hell: What the Bible Says About It, all booklets by the editor, Dr. John R. Rice. Two were converted through Dr. Lee's sermon in the Sword, "Chasing Dead Dogs and Fleas." From Dr. Hyman Appelman's ser-

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THE ONLY PERSON GOD CAN USE FOR REVIVAL

By Rev. Jesse M. Hendley

(Sermon preached at Conference on Evangelism at Winona Lake, Indiana, July 16, 1945. Mechanically recorded)

"I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh."—Rom. 9:1-3.

I want to read again verse 2 and talk about Paul's unceasing heartache. "I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart." If you want to know what is back of the perennial vitality of a soul winner, here is the answer: he has a broken heart. He must have it if he is to be a soul winner. This dear man says, "The Holy Ghost knows I am not lying when I say, I have continual sorrow. The Holy Ghost knows I am telling the truth when I say I have a continual heartache, a continual passion for lost souls." I tell you, beloved, we are not going to have souls until we have that. That is dead sure. Everywhere Paul went he had a passion for souls. In the midst of everything he was doing he had a passion for souls. He was a great theologian; he was a marvelous man of eloquence; he was a great preacher. But above everything else, and continuing through to the end of his marvelous life, was his broken heart. Paul had a broken heart for souls. Without it we are not going to win them. We must have the broken heart.

I. Assurance of Salvation

Who is this blessed person with a broken heart? How can we have it? Who is this person God can use for revival? The man that God uses for revival must be truly saved and know it! He must know God. In Daniel 11:32 we read, "The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits." The man who wants to be used of God to save others ought to know without the shadow of a doubt that he himself has been born again and is genuinely saved! But so few people seem to have this blessed assurance!

I have on my shelves twenty-two volumes of the old Puritan preacher, John Owen. John Owen had been preaching for many years. Suddenly he was taken sick and came down to death's door. He bore witness that a horror of darkness swept over his soul. He said, "I realized I had never been born again. At that time I cried mightily to God, and God spoke to my heart from Psalm 130 and applied the real forgiveness of sins." He went back to his pulpit to preach forgiveness as he could never preach it before. He was really born again. Oh, it seems to be just a trite thing to say that we must be born again. But, beloved, that thing is necessary if we are to win souls to the Lord Jesus.

II. A Definite Call

The person God uses for revival must be called of God for this work. "No man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God" (Heb. 5:4).

All true believers are "called

saints," that is, are saints by divine and personal call and are called to witness and to win souls. But evangelists are Christ's gifts to the church for soul winning revivals (Eph. 4:11), and they obtain this office by divine call! Paul was "a called apostle" (Rom. 1:1, Greek), called to the specific work of reaching the Gentiles. Even Christ was "called of God an high priest" (Heb. 5:10). Out of the original seven who were chosen by the early church to serve tables, only Philip was called "the evangelist." The others were not so called. Evidently God called him to this work after his call to serve tables. Paul urged Timothy to "do the work of an evangelist" (II Tim. 4:5). He did not urge him to leave his charge and go out from place to place for re-



Rev. Jesse M. Hendley

vivals as called evangelists did, but as a pastor-teacher to promote revival and soul winning on his field between the coming of the evangelists! He was to keep the fires of evangelism blazing all the time! But he was not set apart by God and gifted for that special work of the evangelist. His special call was to teach (II Tim. 2:2). Samuel was called as a boy to (Continued on page three)

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How have family worship in the home?

How can parents win children to Christ?

How teach children the Bible?

When is divorce permissible, if ever?

May divorced people remarry?

An honest talk about his new book, "THE HOME,"

By Evangelist John R. Rice

Elsewhere in The Sword of the Lord you see that Dr. Robert J. Wells, associate editor, offers my new book, THE HOME: Courtship, Marriage and Children, free with three 8-month subscriptions to The Sword of the Lord at \$1 each. He also offers free my picture with two additional subscriptions. His kindly plan is that we secure, if possible, 25,000 subscriptions to The Sword of the Lord, new and renewal, to celebrate my fiftieth birthday, December 11.

The picture is not my idea, though I am perfectly willing for Dr. Wells to give it if that will get more subscriptions to The Sword of the Lord and get thousands of new homes reading this revival literature we publish, with gospel messages from America's leading soul winners. I do not feel like insisting on your getting

the picture, though I am glad for you to have it if that will encourage you to send subscriptions.

But I do feel deeply concerned about getting this book, The Home, into the hands of thousands. I know its message is needed. Thousands of letters from all over America have besought me for the answer to problems about the home, through the last fifteen years, particularly in the last eleven years of the ministry of The Sword of the Lord. I know that the average home is not very happy because it does not strictly follow the Bible plan for a Christian home. I know that everywhere child delinquency is increasing to an alarming degree, that one out of five marriages in America ends in divorce and that the ratio is rapidly increasing. I (Continued on page seven)

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By Evangelist Robert J. Wells, Associate Editor

Have you done your part in assisting us in this great subscription campaign? We are confident that you are planning to shoulder part of the burden of helping get *The Sword of the Lord* into 25,000 more homes by the editor's fiftieth birthday, but we are wondering if you have been letting the days go by without making any definite plans or without definitely taking time out for whatever you expect to do? So many times things we had planned to do go undone just because we neglect to get at them until it is too late.

Campaign Will Be Over Soon, So Don't Delay

By the time you receive this issue of *The Sword of the Lord*, one-half of the time allotted to the campaign will have elapsed, and before you realize it, December 11th will have come and gone. So, if you are to make a contribution toward the 25,000 subscriptions as a birthday present on the editor's fiftieth birthday, you had better get to work now without delay!

An Interesting Letter

During this last week we received an interesting letter from one of our subscribers, which we would like to pass along to you. It came from Mishawaka, Indiana, and reads as follows:

"I am concerned about this matter of presenting Brother Rice 25,000 subscriptions to *The Sword of the Lord* as a birthday gift. I want to do what I can to help secure these subscriptions.

"Would you please send me about 200 sample copies of the paper? I intend to pass these out at the church where I attend, and get all the subscriptions I can. I don't know how much to send for these so if you will send me the bill, I shall send remittance.

"*The Sword of the Lord* has been such a blessing to us that we want to see others share the blessing. We also want to have a small part in the good work you are doing.

"I shall appreciate your sending me these samples at your earliest convenience.

"Yours in Christ,
(Signed) Mrs. H. J.

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mon, "Straying Sinners and the Suffering Saviour," and Dr. Rolfe Barnard's "The Revelation of Jesus Christ" came two more versions. Word has come of one person saved through each of Dr. Rice's sermons, "Missing God's Last Train for Heaven," "Stop, Listen and Consider," and "Prepare to Meet thy God."

We give you choice excerpts from these letters:

"Oh, happy to send you these few lines as I read your lovely tract. Oh, I'm rejoicing in Jesus since only Friday 28th midnight of Sept. 45, thanks be to His holy name.

"I am asking if you would just get in touch with me and to send me your awful interesting tracts as I want to make them my constant meditation each day. I am a coloured Jamaican boy. I am now 29 years of age, a former member of the Moravian Church in 'Kingston Jamacia' for the past five years, but just didn't know how to get this blessed peace in my heart.

"But now I am too glad to tell you that the Lord saved me lying on a little canvas cot in camp, where I stay along with twenty-one of my other Jamaican boys. Oh, I'm glad to tell you of this blessed salvation. I guess that I will be going home this fall. Though I can't tell exactly when, it will be this fall. I am asking you please to post me some tracts for I'm in need of them, and I know that they will be of great support and interest to me. I tell you, dear brother, I was longing for Christ. I was pining for Him. Now I have sought Him and have found Him. I am rejoicing and happy all the day long.

"Dear brother in Christ, I can scarcely stop talking to you by letter. How glad I am! Most of all, I am expecting to return back to this country after I get home, and I know that God will work my purpose out.

"I wish to leave you this morning with the richest blessing of Jesus Christ. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

"Very truly yours in Christ,"

A. C.

"Jamaican"

Manistee, Michigan

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"September 12, 1945

"I was in the hospital nine weeks a short time back and was very sick. I am some better now. I have accepted the Lord as my Saviour and will gladly send this to let you know. I was baptized last Sunday night at the Temple Baptist Church. One of your booklets, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" was handed me while I was in the hospital.

"Sincerely,"

L. L.

Detroit, Michigan

* * *

"July 16, 1945

"I have read your sermon. I was so filled I wept while reading it. And today after reading your sermon on 'Prepare to Meet Thy God,' I have repented of my sins, have trusted Christ to forgive me and believe that He has. No one has ever taken such an interest in me. I do appreciate your kind thought of me. Please pray for me.

"Your friend, trusting Jesus,"

Mrs. E. W.

Fall River, Wisconsin

(The above letter was written in July, but reached us only last month).

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A young woman, whose seven year old son had brought a copy of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" home from school with him, wrote, saying that she wanted to be saved but did not know how. After a letter of explanation and reading Dr. Rice's booklet, *Can a Saved Person Ever Be Lost?* she wrote again:

Friday, November 9, 1945

"September 20, 1945

"I will write you again to let you know that I have given my heart to God. I feel that He has forgiven me for living in sin. Now I am going to live for Him. I am so glad that we know we have a friend like Him. He can do more for us than anyone on earth. . . . My husband is in prison and I have been washing to make a living for me and my children. Now I am having trouble with my side and can't wash any more, but I am glad that I have a friend like Christ.

"Your friend,"

Mrs. A. L. H.

St. Elmo, Tennessee

* * *

"August 13, 1945

"I read your sermon on "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" I have been a sinner for twenty years, and most of the time a fence sitter. I've visited many different churches and I have always waited for that feeling so I could be baptized. But reading your sermon has opened my eyes. I feel now I can join a good church and fol-

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* * *

"September 3, 1945

"I am writing this letter to you from the Duval County Jail in Jacksonville, Florida. Today my brother who is also with me in here and I confessed our sins and accepted the Lord as our own Saviour. Please remember us in prayer."

J. E. M.
Roy M.
Jacksonville, Florida.
* * *

The following is a letter by a small boy. We give it just as he wrote, spelling and all:

"September 6, 1945

"Dear Brother Rice,
"We have been belest reading your papers and books Mother and my brother and I have taken Christ our Savor we want you pray for us I am 11 years old I am in the 4 grade in school I want to be a preacher when I

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a special work, as was Moses, Jeremiah, Isaiah and other men of God!

The "called evangelist" will have success as he obeys his call and abides in the Lord. God has no unsuccessful servants who are called and chosen and faithful.

III. Be Courageous

The person God uses for revival must be full of courage! When the lives of Peter and John were threatened, the Lord through His angel commanded them, "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life" (Acts 5:20). A minister said to another who had just preached a solemn message of warning to sinners, "Thank God for that fearless message!" Should a minister fear anyone but God? Was not Jeremiah fearless when he stood at the temple gate and cried out to the people, "Thus saith the Lord . . . Amend your ways and your doings, . . . ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, . . . And come and stand before me in this house . . . ?" (Jer. 7:3-10). That took courage! But he had it! Paul showed his courage when he refused to soften his message before Felix, but reasoned so earnestly of righteousness, self-control and judgment to come that the governor trembled under his solemn warnings! Oh, a servant of God must be faithful to God, to the solemn message he is given to proclaim and to the perishing souls of lost men! He preaches to please God and not men. His cry is, "Thus saith the Lord!"

IV. A Man of Prayer

The person God uses for revival must be a man of prayer! In studying the history of revivals I have never known of a man who was used of God who was not predominantly a man of prayer. He MUST be a man of prayer. There is a book called **The Kneeling Christian**.

Is not that a contradiction of terms? Is not prayer the very life-blood of the Christian life? Do not all Christians kneel? I read another book, **The Practice of Prayer**.

Is not that also a contradiction of terms? What else can you do about this vital business of prayer but "practice" it—actually do it? Does the author suggest that there are more people who talk about prayer than who actually pray?

How much time do you spend on your knees in the secret place of prayer each day? Would you be ashamed to let it be known that you pray so little? God knows how little you pray!

I read another book, **The Prayer Life**. Is this still another contradiction of terms? Can the Christian life be maintained without much prayer? Do you live the life of prayer? All men used of God live lives of prayer. Not just grace at the mealtime, not just five minutes in the secret place before retiring at night, but men God uses take time out to be shut in with God in UNHURRIED PRAYER, to wait on the Lord, to ask and receive soul winning power from Him!

I know a man who won fifteen hundred souls to Christ within three years after his conversion.

He has little education, but he is born again and lives the life of prayer. God blesses him and gives

him souls! He has a great passion for the lost and weeps over them and wins them! In my study he told me how he and one of his deacons get alone one night a week and spend the whole night in prayer to God! Besides this, he lives a daily prayer life!

How can anyone be used greatly of God without at least one hour in prayer daily? Are you a praying man or woman? Do you spend at least an hour a day alone on your knees? I do not believe that in this godless age in which we live we can live close to God without the inroads of the world if we do not spend at least an hour a day in prayer before God.

You might say, "Well, preacher, you are just talking to us about things that we have been hearing all the time." But they are essential things, beloved. Men of prayer have brought revival, men who agonized, men like Brainerd in the north woods who cried unto God by day and by night until God sent all the Indians round about him, begging for the way of salvation. Oh, we must pray, we must pay a price if we are going to win souls to the Lord Jesus Christ.

There must be much prayer. Oh, may we take time to pray! We will never "find" time, we must "take" it. Do not expect revival in your life until you take time, daily, to pray. Do we get absorbed in prayer until we see a lost world? We must pray if we are going to win souls. A man God uses must be a man of prayer.

V. Live in the Word

The person whom God uses must be one who lives in God's Word day and night. "If . . . my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7)! But I wonder if we have been reading men's writings to the neglect of God's Book.

I was talking to a young man in Lincoln, Nebraska, who was soon to go to Argentina as a missionary. He is one of the finest young Christians I know. He has spiritual power, and God is blessing him mightily. He has a nice library. He loves books, as all preachers love books. He said to me, "Preacher, last December God gave me a blessing. I was condemned about putting books of men before the Word of God. I began to wonder if that was the reason for weakness in my Christian experience. So I determined I was going to read my Bible more. I checked up and found that by reading twenty-five pages a day I could read through my Bible every fifty-six days. It takes from an hour and fifteen minutes to two hours to do it." Then he looked into my face with tears in his eyes and said, "Preacher, I wish I could tell people what a tremendous revolution it has made in my heart's experience!" He spent from an hour and fifteen minutes to two hours a day on his knees with the open Bible, drinking from the fountain that never runs dry. No wonder that man has power in his life. No wonder he goes out and speaks in little churches and they are set on fire for missions. No wonder one of the greatest radio broadcasters in this country said to me, "When that young man is on the air, I do not worry. I go off and leave my broadcast. He gets a great response when he is on the air." Anyone who comes to the source of power, the Word of God, can have power. May God help us to know His Word.

VI. A Spirit-Led Man
The man whom God uses for revivals must be a man who is led of the Spirit of God. "Ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you" (Acts 1:8, R.V.). "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God" (Rom. 8:14, R.V.). He must know the Spirit of God. Do we talk about the Spirit, and read about the Spirit, and yet fail to experience His working in our lives? I have had some experiences that made me tremble, wondering what God could do if He could get hold of one man com-

pletely filled with the Holy Spirit, completely yielded to Him.

I remember one night I was sitting up at two o'clock, just before the Lord's day. One of the ladies in our church, one of those really godly women, a short time before had gone to her doctor for a check up. He had asked her, "Dear lady, are you ready to go?" She had not thought she was very sick and was surprised at the question. When she realized that he meant, "Are you ready to die?", she said, "Yes, I am ready to go if necessary." She was stricken and never regained consciousness. My wife and I had gone that Saturday afternoon to the hospital and had prayed with her daughter. I said to the daughter, "Now call me if she dies."

I was sitting in my living room that morning at two o'clock. It was one of those experiences one has when he cannot sleep. Suddenly my telephone rang and there came the voice of the daughter from the other end of the line, "Brother Hendley, Mother just went to be with Jesus." I said a few comforting words to her and hung up. After I hung up and was getting ready to retire, a voice said to me, "Go yonder and pray for those folks." I am not always obedient and I fought off the voice and went to bed. But the voice said again, "Go over yonder and pray." I had a lot of reason why I should not go. I had to preach two sermons the next day. I would not get back until nearly morning, and all that sort of thing. I argued with the voice. Again the voice insisted, "Go over yonder and pray with those people."

A woman said to me in Atlanta, "Preacher, I don't like your preaching."

"Why?"

"You tell us that God is going to burn souls in Hell forever."

I did not argue with her. I went on home. A few days later she followed up those words with a letter. She called my attention to that verse, Matthew 25:46, and said, "I do not know Greek but there must be a difference between those words everlasting and eternal." That was the first time I ever heard anybody try to differentiate between the two English words, everlasting and eternal. It so happened that I had just been reading my Testament, and I had called particular attention to my own heart the solemn fact that these two words, "eternal" and "everlasting" are each translations of the same Greek adjective, *aiónios*. The same word qualifies both those nouns, "punishment" and "life," and teaches the solemn truth that as long as the saints will be yonder in life, the sinner shall be punished in Hell. They are absolutely identical. If you can conceive of a saved person ever getting out of Heaven and coming down and being lost, you can conceive of a lost man making his way up to Heaven. But you cannot do it. Men are lost unto the ages of the ages!

Ephesians 2:7 is my favorite verse of all this precious Book: "That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." That passage tells me that I am going to live unto the ages. An age is a long time. The period from Jesus' first coming to His second coming is already nineteen

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hundred years, and that is only part of one age. "Ages" in the plural is, of course, "age running into age." That is a long time. But the strongest Greek phrase for unendingness is "unto the ages of the ages," and it is used of the life of God Himself. The New Testament teaches that as long as the saints shall be in Heaven, and as long as God Himself shall live, the poor sinner must be tormented in Hell.

In the book of Revelation I read of that mighty angel that puts one foot on the land and one on the sea and raises his hand toward Heaven and swears by Him that liveth unto the ages of the ages that there shall be no longer delay. There God is said to live "unto the ages of the ages." That same phrase is used of the punishment of a sinner in Hell.

I wonder, my friends, if you believe it? I wonder if I believe it? It is a horrible concept. It is so terrible that many minds cannot accept it.

One day after I had preached on the eternal punishment of the unsaved, a doctor in Atlanta took me to task in a letter. He said, "Preacher, I am a Bible student. I can't believe it will do the sinner any good to send him to Hell and punish him forever and ever."

I replied the next day over the radio, "Dear Brother, whoever said that God is trying to do the sinner any good when He punishes him in Hell forever and ever? The state is not trying to do the criminal any good when it sends him to the electric chair!" There are two sorts of punishment, disciplinary and penal. The object of disciplinary punishment is to rehabilitate the criminal, make him right and set him back in society. But the object of penal punishment is to get the criminal out of the way, such as by the electric chair.

I stood with Charles Coates in Georgia's Tatnall Prison and watched him executed in the chair. He walked over and sat in it, and three thousand volts of electricity blasted his soul into the presence of God before you could bat an eye. The state of Georgia was not trying to do Charles Coates any good when it blasted him into eternity. And God is not trying to do the sinner any good; God is through when a sinner goes to Hell. God is through, but the sinner is not through. He is lost forever.

I told you that for one reason, beloved. If that does not produce a continual sorrow in your heart, then do you have a heart? If it does not in my heart, do I have a heart? Pain affects me. I can-

not hear the cry of a baby without its tearing me. I cannot hear the yelp of a dog as he goes screaming into the back alley after he has been hit by a car without having something happen inside me. When I think about boys and girls, men and women going into the everlasting flames of Hell, something happens down inside me. I want to go to them and plead with them to come to Christ and be saved. That is where Paul got his continual heartache. He had great heaviness and continual sorrow.

He believed that men and women not born again were going to Hell. And, beloved, if you do not believe that they are many, just go around over the country and see the multitudes without God, going down to Hell. When Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem, was He weeping over the buildings and sticks and stones? No, He was weeping over men and women, boys and girls who were rejecting Him and going into endless night! Jesus believed, preached, and taught an endless Hell of punishment for the unsaved. It was to save men from this horror that He died! We are not going to win souls, we are not going to have revival until we believe men are lost and preach the gospel with that passion of heart that has a heartache and a continual pain. God help us to go out and win the lost!

VIII. A Compassionate Man

The next thing I suggest to you is: We must have a heart of love for the sinner. "Love never faileth" (I Cor. 13:8). Does anybody care? "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?" (Lam. 1:12). The Psalmist cried, "No man cared for my soul." (Psa. 142:4). Is that so? I wonder if some of us have loved ones in our homes who are unsaved. Yet we sleep well at night and eat well. We do not let it bother us. We do not ever burn about it. We do not want any disturbance. What a shame! We ought to love souls!

Mrs. Booth tells of one of her experiences. (I want to be in Heaven when she gets her rewards.) One day she was making calls in a terrible old prison. Suddenly she heard a woman's voice, shouting and shrill. She saw two policemen holding a struggling woman. Her hair was matted. There was a bruise on one side of her forehead and a blood clot on the other. Her garments were torn and disheveled. She looked like a miserable, wretched woman. She was! Mrs. Booth's heart went out to that poor creature in her sin. Instead of judging her, she loved her, because her heart was filled with the love of Christ who loved souls. She thought, "What can I do? Can I say a prayer? No. Can I give a check? No, that will not do. What can I do?" And instinctively she reached up as the woman came by and planted a kiss on her cheek. The woman cried, "Who was that who kissed me? Who was that who kissed me?" Mrs. Booth melted back into the crowd as the poor wretch was dragged on into her cell. The next day Mrs. Booth went back to see this poor woman. The matron said, "We think she is crazy. All she does is walk her cell and cry, 'Who was that who kissed me? Somebody in the crowd yesterday kissed me. Who was that who kissed me? Please, will you tell me who kissed me?'"

When Mrs. Booth walked in, that was the first thing she said, "Oh, lady, can you tell me who it was yesterday who kissed me?"

Mrs. Booth said, "Tell me, why do you ask that question?"

With the tears rolling down her cheeks, the woman turned to her and said, "My mother died when I was seven years of age. She was of gentle birth, but very poor. She died in the dark in a miserable basement. Just before she died she called me to her side, took my little head in her hands and cried, 'Oh, my poor little weak defenseless girl. God, take care of my poor little defenseless girl.' Then my mother kissed me and she died.

That was the last time anybody cared about me. That was the last time anybody kissed me. Nobody has cared for me or loved me. I have been kicked around and buffeted, but nobody has cared for me, nobody has given me a kiss, until yesterday."

Mrs. Booth said, "Young lady, I was the one who planted that kiss on your cheek. I did it because I love you. I love you because Christ dwells in my heart and has filled my heart with a love for you dear people."

"Then she had a chance to pour out the greatest of all love, the love of Calvary where God kissed the sinner's sins away in the blood of His own beloved Son. That poor, wretched woman knelt down there and found peace and salvation in the blood of the Lord Jesus because somebody loved her soul.

Beloved, there are multitudes over the country who want somebody who loves their souls to lead them to the Lord Jesus Christ. Oh, if we are going to be men and women whom God can use for revival, we must love sinners. Jesus loved sinners, and they knew that He loved them. Publicans and sinners flocked to Him. We will never win souls in a high-hat attitude. The sinner is going to turn his back on us, he will have nothing to do with us if we have that attitude. That is why we ought to get down to them wherever we can find them—on the street, over the radio, under tents—anywhere and everywhere we can find men who are lost.

IX. Pay the Price

In closing, the person God uses to win souls must be willing to pay the price. And there is a price, beloved! In John 2:17 we read, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." Souls are the most costly things in the world. They cost our Lord His blood. They not only cost Him His blood, they cost the church a great sacrifice. We must pay the price if we are going to win them.

After our meeting really broke in Lincoln, Nebraska, a lady said to me, "Brother Hendley, thank God it is worthwhile to stay up all night in prayer!" Tears were rolling down her cheeks and her face looked as if there were a halo on it. Yes, though she was a working lady, she stayed up all night and prayed for souls! She said, "I am tired; but it is worthwhile to stay up all night and pray." I wonder if we have ever been concerned enough really to agonize for souls. Paul said, "I . . . fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh" (Col. 1:23-24). He also said, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings" (Phil. 3:10). The trouble with most of us is that we are not willing to suffer for souls. I believe that is the trouble with the church today. We are not willing to suffer as we ought to suffer for precious souls. Jesus suffered, He went into Gethsemane, He went to the cross. For what? For the joy that was set before Him. What was the joy? The joy of soul winning, the joy of seeing those souls streaming up to Glory. That is the joy that you and I will have if we pay the price of suffering in the name of the Lord.

My heart was blessed as I read the testimony of a godly woman who loved souls and sought them for the Lord Jesus. She said that back yonder in the old gold days she lived out in California. She heard about an old miner up in a shack who was dying. This old miner was a wicked man. Some thought he did not have a soul. He cursed for all he was worth. People would bring him food up in the woods and then run away and leave him for fear. But this woman loved the Lord. She had wanted to be a missionary. She went up to that cabin and was greeted with oaths that would make any hard man turn away. But she had Christ in front of her, so she went in. She began to try to talk to him and minister to him and break down that hard, stubborn, sinful heart.

She continued that for two weeks, and she did not get the gratitude of a dog. Finally she went home thoroughly discouraged and disappointed. That night she did not pray for the bad man. And her little Charley noticed it. He said, "Mama, you did not pray for the bad man tonight."

She said, "No."

He said, "Mama, have you given him up?"

She said, "Son, I guess I have."

He said, "Mama, has God given him up?"

She said, "No, son, I suppose He has not."

"Mamma, ought you give him up if God has not given him up?" That shocked her. Instead of going to bed, she put Charley to bed. She did not sleep. She kept thinking about that old man, lying there dying with nobody to care. She dropped on her knees and began to pray. She forgot all about time. The hours went by. She said,

"That night I learned for the first time what it meant to travail for a precious soul. All the night long the blessed crucified One seemed to come and pour into my heart all His own precious love for lost souls." The next day she decided she was going back. On the way she picked up a little girl. The lady went inside, but left the little girl outside picking flowers. Suddenly, her hearty little laugh rang out through the woods.

The man said, "What was that?"

"Oh," she said, "that is my neighbor's little girl."

"Will you bring her in here and let me see her just a minute?"

She said, "Yes," for she knew she had found the way to the man's heart.

The little girl came in with a handful of flowers. She walked over and said, "Poor sick man," and handed him a flower.

He said, "May I touch her?" and reached out his hand.

The lady said, "She is a little afraid, but you may touch her."

He reached out and pulled that precious child to himself. The tears began to roll down his cheeks as he said, "Once I had a little girl. Her name was Mamie. She loved me as nobody else did. It seemed that nobody cared for me but Mamie; then when she died nobody cared any more. Since then I have hated everybody. I have hated God for taking her, and I have hated everybody else."

"Well," the lady said to him, "didn't you curse your mother the other day?"

"Yes."

"Why?"

"She was a bad woman."

"If Mamie had been like your mother, you would not have liked it."

"Oh, I would see her burn a thousand times before I would want Mamie like my mother or like my wife."

They must have been wicked beings indeed.

Then she said, "Don't you suppose that God took your little Mamie to wait up there in Heaven for you because He knew she might be like your mother and like your wife?"

He said, "I had never thought about that," and the way was opened to his heart.

That precious woman said, "I had been so near to Calvary the night before, I just stood there and poured out all the compassion of the Son of God and talked about the Man who died for him."

He said, "Tell me more! Tell me more!"

Finally when she had told the sweet story of Calvary he said, "Pray quick."

She began to pray. And as she prayed, she said there seemed to stand there the One with the nail-pierced hands ready to forgive, and that precious lost soul entered into peace and into light.

A few days later he said, "I have never been to a meeting. Gather the fellows together." They gathered the fellows together. Right there in his room he said, "Fellows, I just wanted to tell you what has happened to me. You know how the water comes down those old sluice boxes and takes away all the dirt and leaves the gold. Well, that Man's blood went over me just like that. He took nearly everything else away, but I am saved, praise God!"

A few days later he slipped away into eternity. The Christian lady went the next day to the little rough cabin to see him just before he was buried. His body, covered with a sheet, lay on a board over two stools. She turned the sheet back and looked down into his cold face. As she looked at him a man spoke up and said, "Just before he died he said, 'Tell the lady who told me about Him that I am going to see my Mamie and the Man who died for me.'"

She said, "As I picked up those blood-stained hands, now washed in the blood of the Lamb, I understood a little better what our Lord means when He says that He is 'not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance'; and I realized a little better the worth of a human soul."

Beloved, we will never be soul winners until we realize the worth of a human soul.

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John 3:16

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piece of brass and fashion it like unto a brazen serpent. Put it upon a pole. When anyone looks upon the brazen serpent, he shall live."

Let me talk to some Nicodemus who listens. Christ was made in the likeness of sinful flesh. One day He was lifted upon the cross of Calvary to die in our place and stead, our substitute, our atoning substitute. Now, Nicodemus, that is the basis of reconciliation. You are brought nigh through the death of another, by the blood of Jesus Christ. That is the foundation. That is why God can be just and the justifier of those that believe.

If you believe that, now, Nicodemus, I am going to tell you something else. I am going to tell you the motive back of that. God did not do it as a cold-hearted proposition, just putting it out in a legal way, saying to the children of Israel or to humanity that is lost and dead in trespasses and sin, 'Now, if you will just believe, you will have imputed righteousness to your account.' There is a motive back of it. This sixteenth verse unlocks and opens up the heart of God. It shows the motive back of the work of reconciliation and the fact that He gave the basis of justification: Christ's death for our sins. Do you see it? It is explained in the little word **for**. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Then let us go on, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world (Listen, the world is already under condemnation); but that the world through him might be saved." Then Christ explains it by saying, "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already."

Oh, listen to me, friend of mine outside of Christ, the reason for this preaching, the reason for this pleading and pouring out of soul is that you are under condemnation and bound for a Christless eternity, an eternity without Christ, in the blackness of separation forever. That very same wrath that was poured upon Christ when He who knew no sin became sin is literally hanging over your head. God caused to strike upon Him your sin and my sin. That very same wrath you—if you die in your sins—will have to feel in your own soul and spirit. Your filthy rags of righteousness will not be a satisfactory covering in that day. There is only one robe of covering of righteousness that will protect you for time and eternity, and that is the robe of His righteousness which He imputes and places upon you. It is not by works of righteousness, but by grace, through faith. Have I made it plain? Oh, listen to me, listen to me! You who are outside of Christ, like Paul of old, we beseech you to be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

Let us just quickly look into the sixteenth verse. There are six things in that verse. There is so much to give, I do not know where to begin. I feel hopeless, helpless when I face this great Grand Canyon truth of God's love for a dying world. But I will give you these

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six things rather quickly and let you study them and compare Scripture with Scripture as you have time and as you meditate before Him.

The Tense of God's Love; "Loved"

First of all, I want you to notice the tense of God's love. It does not say "God so loves the world." But the tense is this: "God so loved the world." It is past tense. I can understand something of what it means when I say God loves me, because now I am a member of the body of Christ. Oh, to think that before that day when I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour God loved me! I cannot understand it. But when I look into God's Word, I see that from before the foundation of the world, Christ, in the eyes of God, was the Lamb of God slain from before the foundation. It was not an afterthought with God.

Then I read in Romans 5:8, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." I remember back in the summer of 1911 when just as a young lad going up into the mining camps of northern California I was told to take the port bow line, carry it across the river, and put it up on a higher place. A flood of water was coming down upon the flats on the south fork of the American River. As I was pulling myself across, hand over hand—I was in the bow of the boat—that wall of water came around the bend. It was about four or five feet in height. I can see it yet. That wall of water struck me while I was out there in the middle of the stream, in the bow of the boat. It just swept the boat out from under me. I went under once. Then I came up and went under again. All of my past flashed across my mind; and I said, "O, God, if You will get me out of this I will serve You all the days of my life." Finally I got upon the shore. Men ran across the little bridge, the little footpath across the footbridge. They came over there to try to help me out. I was just about gone.

It was a long time after that before I was converted. After I got over it, I forgot God. Listen to me, He loved me, and He hedged me in. He brought me under the preaching of the gospel. Thank God for it! You ought to be thankful today, right now, you out there by your radios and you here in the audience at Long Beach, that you are being brought under the sound of the gospel of Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. You ought to be thankful that God is offering you the gospel as the king offered his scepter to Queen Esther. God is giving you permission to touch that scepter of grace this afternoon. In Christ, will you accept it and receive eternal life?

In Jeremiah 31:3 He says, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee." When I stop and read in Ephesians the first chapter, I do not understand it, but I accept it that before the foundation of the world I was chosen in Him. Let me help you. God, who knows the end

from the beginning, looking down through the ages, knows exactly the souls that will accept Him as their personal Saviour, and the names are written down in the Lamb's Book of Life. You are deep in sin now; but the day is coming when you are going to be converted and walk into the threshold of the household of faith and see your name which was written there on the inside before the foundation of the world. You will find that you were predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son and that some day you are going to be like Him.

The Magnitude of God's Love; "So"

Oh, listen, the magnitude of His love in the little word **so**! I cannot understand it. "God so loved the world." I marvel at the magnitude of it when I read how Paul went out to Damascus, breathing out threatenings against the church at Damascus, his hands dripping with human blood—a murderer—and then how after his conversion, he said, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." Right in the fourth chapter of the gospel of John which we will take up in a few Sundays, Jesus at the well, talking with the woman who had several husbands, who was deep in sin, gives an illustration of that little word **so**. The magnitude of His love!

The Scope of God's Love: "The World"

Then, will you follow me carefully, please, as we think about the scope of His love—the world. "God so loved the world." That was news to Nicodemus, because Nicodemus was a leader and a teacher in Israel, a Pharisee of the Pharisees. And the Pharisees had gotten to the point in their religion that they thought they were the only ones. He called to Nicodemus and said, "Now, Nicodemus, God so loved the world." It was news to Nicodemus that the Gentiles—any race or color outside of Israel—would some day be saved if they believed. There it is. The magnitude of it! When I see these travelogue pictures of different places over the world where the gospel has never been preached—(And how can they hear without a preacher; how can they go except they be sent?) I want to tell you something: every believer can be a missionary, either by prayer or by the purse. The least thing on earth you can do is to give. You should give, I believe, fifty per cent, sixty per cent, seventy per cent in the missionary work. Today some of our men down in the South Sea Islands are being helped and brought back to health because some missionary went there years ago and planted the seed. Some of your boys, perhaps, your sons, are being cared for because the gospel went there. Oh, listen, think of the world-wide vision, and how God needs soldiers! The field is white unto harvest, but the laborers are few.

The Nature of God's Love: "He Gave"
I want you to note quickly the nature of God's love. "He gave." It is more blessed to give than to receive. I cannot understand the incarnation, the mystery of Godlessness. Great is this mystery. I wonder how God, the eternal One, could say to His Son, 'Arise, go down there and be born of a virgin, become pressed into a little babe in the manger at Bethlehem. Take upon yourself the form of sinful flesh and go to the cross and there die in man's place.' I cannot understand it. But there is the nature of God's love, that He gave the very best, His very best, His only begotten Son. That teaches the sacrificial character of God's love. He spared not the best, but freely delivered Him up for us, even to the death of the cross.

The Design of God's Love: "Men Should Not Perish"

What is the design of His love?

It is one outstanding purpose. Do you hear me? Here it is: "... that whosoever believeth in him should not perish." Now, I want to say to you who die in your sins, Christ says, "Whither I go ye cannot come." If you die in your sins, your body will be laid away in the grave awaiting the judgment of the great white throne, the second resurrection. The soul and spirit, according to the sixteenth of Luke, goes into the place of the burning fire. Then at the judgment of the great white throne the old sin-cursed, sin-soaked, cigarette-soaked, drink-soaked body that has been thrown away into the hands of the devil will be raised. Soul and spirit will be united. As you stand before the judgment of the great white throne, there will be no second chance, no opportunity to accept the grace. The dead-line will be passed. You will be cast into the lake of fire which burneth forever. Surely, surely, every man and woman wishes to escape that place and be with Jesus Christ forever! God is not willing that any should perish. The lake of fire is prepared for the devil and his angels, not for man. You say, "How can a God of love put a man in there?" He does not. You put yourself in there. God has blockaded the road of eternal separation by the cross of Christ. If you trample under foot the precious blood and count that blood of no worth, He yet says, 'All right, I have done everything for you. The wedding garment is ready. The table is laid, all things are ready. Come.' He just waits. So the design of His love is that men should not perish.

The Outcome of His Love: "Everlasting Life"
Then the outcome of his love is everlasting life. Let me tell you something: if there is everlasting life, and there is, with Christ in Heaven forever, there will be everlasting punishment. You cannot tell me that men like Hitler and Himmler are going to be on the same basis with the moral and the upright that are not saved. Oh, no! There will be degrees of punishment in the lake of fire. I know that some do not like this preaching, but I am giving it to you with one determination and one prayer: that you may accept the great invitation of John 3:16 and be saved.

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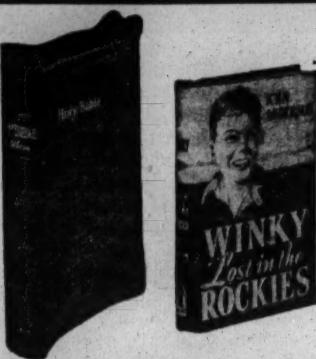
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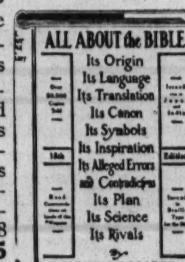
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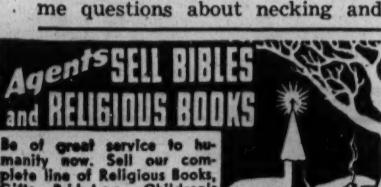
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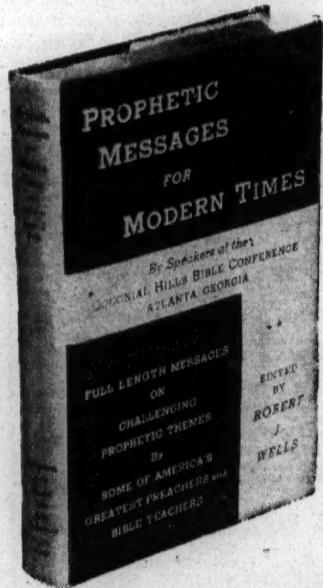
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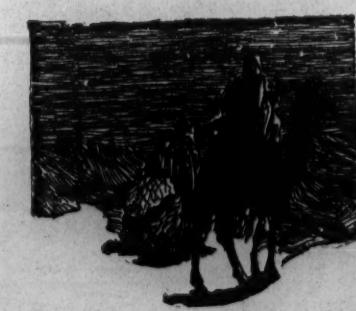
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